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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN FLOODS - SITREP NO. 2

FOR DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR

CINCEUR FOR FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF COORAINATOR LTC

R. KIMBALL

1. BY NOON TODAY, DECEMBER 14, FLOOD SITUATION HAS IMPROVED
SUFFICIENTLY FOR TUNISIAN OFFICIALS TO SPEAK IN CAUTIOUSLY
OPTIMISTIC TONES. RAIN HAS HELD OFF, ALTHOUGH DARK CLOUDS
SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER RAINFALL.

2. DRC GERARD HAS MADE RECONNAISSANCE OF SOUSSE AREA WITH
TUNISIAN OFFICIALS AND REPORTS BY TELEPHONE FROM SOUSSE THAT
WORST SEEMS TO BE OVER. HE NOTED CONSIDERABLE FLOODING MNCTH
OF SOUSSE AND NORTH OF SKANES. AMONG VILLAGES TOTALLY
ISOLATED ARE ENFIDAVILLE AND KARKER. RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT
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WILL CONTINUE OVER KAIROUAN THIS AFTERNOON. GOVNERNOR OF

SOUSSE SAYS THAT HE KNOWS OF FOUR VILLAGES IN KAIROUAN AREA ISOLATED BY FLOOD WATERS.

3. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMS ME THAT ITALIAN HELICOPTERS FROM SICILY HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE OPERATING IN TUNIS AREA. INITIAL MISSION WAS RESCUE EFFORT, BUT NOW HELICOPTERS ARE TRANSPORTING MEDICINES AND OTHER ITEMS. ITALIAN CRUISER WITH HELICOPTERS DUE IN TUNIS THIS AFTERNOON.

4. IN VIEW OF IMPROVED SITUATION, I HAVE REVIEWED WITH MY PEOPLE AND WITH TUNISIANS NECESSITY OF BRINGING IN IWO JIMA TO SMOUSSE. TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT INDICATED FOUR LARGE U.S. HELICOPTERS NOW RPT NOW ARRIVING ARE DEFINITELY NEEDED FOUR SOUSSE AREA. BUT OUR BEST JUDGMENT IS THAT FURTHER U.S. HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE REQUIRED.

5. TO MAKE SURE, I HAVE JUSTED TALKED WITH BOTH DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS LADGHAM AND SECRETARY OF STATE HAMZAOU RE EXTENT OF U.S. HELICOPTER NEEDS IN LIGHT OF IMPROVED SITUATION. THEY AGREE THAT FOUR LARGE U.S. HELICOPTERS WILL DO THE TRICK AND THAT FURTHER HELICOPTER SUPPORT NOT RPT NOT NEEDED. HAMZAOU AGAIN STRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT AND EFFICIENT USG RESPONSE AND WISHED IN PARTICULAR THAT WE INFORM IWO JIMA OF GREAT TUNISIAN APPRECIATION FOR ITS HELP.

6. ACCORDINGLY, IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, I HAVE REQUESTED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE TO ADMIRAL MURPHY THAT HELICOPTER CARRIER IWO JIMA NOT RPT NOT PROCEED TO SOUSSE.

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